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FM AMEMBASSY SOFIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1788

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: ABLD, BU

SUBJECT: NEW CHANCERY SITE

REF: SOFIA 1885

1. WE ARE POUCHING TO FBO SITE PLANS, DIMENSIONS, PHOTOGRAPHS AND DESCRIPTIONS OF SITES 10 AND 11. AS EXPLAINED IN THE ACCOMPANYING OM, WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT WE STRIKE WHILE THE IRON IS HOT.

2. DEPT WILL NOTE THAT WE ARE NOT ABLE TO FURNISH PRICE INFORMATION. THIS IS DUE PRIMARILY TO BULGARIAN EXPECTATION THAT THEY WILL BE RELIEVED OF NEED TO SHELL OUT HARD CURRENCY FOR SITE IN WASHINGTON BY OUR PAYING EQUIVALENT AMOUNT FOR OUR PREFERRED SITE HERE. OBVIOUSLY THIS WILL HAVE TO BE SUBJECT OF NEGOTIATION, PARTICULARLY IF BULGARIANS DO NOT TAKE VAN NESS SITE OWNED BY US GOVERNMENT.

3. IN ANY CASE WE WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ABOUT APPROXIMATE VALUE OF CATHEDRAL SITE UNDER NEGOTIATION IN WASHINGTON (WHICH WE ARE SURE IS MUCH MORE VALUABLE THAN SITE 10, OUR PREFERRED LOCATION HERE).

4. WHILE I REALIZE THAT DEPARTMENT'S POSSIBILITIES OF INFLUENCING SITUATION WITH RESPECT TO CATHEDRAL SITE ARE VERY LIMITED, I HAVE PROMISED AMBASSADOR ILIEV THAT I WOULD "DO WHAT I CAN" TO BE HELPFUL. ACCORDINGLY UNLESS DEPT HAS OBJECTION I PROPOSE TO SEND A LETTER TO DEAN

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SAYRE (OR OTHER PERSON SUGGESTED BY DEPT) IN WHICH I WILL

JUST EXPLAIN TO HIM WHAT A HARD TIME WE HAVE HAD FINDING  
A SUITABLE SITE FOR A NEW CHANCERY HERE AND HOW CLOSE WE  
NOW ARE TO GETTING A DIGNIFIED LOCATION MEETING OUR  
REQUIREMENTS.  
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